this fact, India's position is fully anchored in UN Convention on Climate Change including its Kyoto Protocol and Bali Action plan. The Government is committed to protect country's interest in the on-going as well as future climate change negotiations.

(d) As per Kyoto Protocol only developed countries are obliged to take on emission reduction commitments. Though not binding, India has taken a number of voluntary steps for conservation of environment while pursuing a path of sustainable development. These include The National Solar Mission and the National Mission on Enhanced Energy Efficiency, National Mission on Sustainable Habitat under The National Action Plan on Climate Change. Besides, Government has taken several steps towards sustainable development through a range of policies and programmes to mitigate climate change aimed at energy conservation, improved energy efficiency in various sectors; promoting use of renewable energy; power sector reforms; use of cleaner and lesser carbon intensive fuel for transport; fuel switching to cleaner energy; afforestation and conservation of forests; promotion of clean coal technologies and encouraging Mass Rapid Transport systems.

Projects for conservation and growth of wild animals

†3412. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the special projects being implemented for conservation and growth of wild animals, State-wise;

(b) the details of the killing of elephants and tortoise during the last year; and

(c) the specific arrangements made to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Two Special Projects viz. Project Tiger and Project Elephant are under implementation for conservation and growth of wild animals. The States implementing Project Tiger and Project Elephant are given in the Statement *(See* below). In addition, Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats is implemented for conservation and growth of all wild animals under which following special programmes have been launched.

i. Project Snow leopard in the Himalayan States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttarakhand.

ii. Vulture Conservation programme in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Orissa.

iii. Project Hangul in the State of Jammu & Kashmir,

iv. Conservation of Manipur Dancing Deer in the State of Manipur.

v. Conservation of Edible Nest of Swiftlets in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) During 2008-2009, 13 elephants have been poached. The information of Tortoise killing is not collated in the Ministry.

(c) The steps taken by the Central Government for protection of wild animals including elephants and tortoises are:

1. Threatened species of wildlife including elephant and tortoises are included in the Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection), Act, 1972, thereby according them the highest degree of protection.

2. The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 has been amended from time to time and made more stringent against wildlife related offences.

3. A network of Protected Areas has been established to conserve wildlife and their habitats including rare animals.

4. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau has been set up to check illegal trade in wildlife and its products.

5. The State/UT Governments have been requested to strengthen the field formations and intensify patrolling in and around wildlife rich areas.

Statement

The State implementing Project Tiger and Project Elephant

"Project Tiger"

Sl.No.	Name of State
1	Andhra Pradesh
2	Arunachal Pradesh
3	Assam
4	Bihar
5	Chhattisgarh
6	Karnataka
7	Kerala
8	Jharkhand
9	Madhya Pradesh
10	Maharashtra
11	Mizoram
12	Orissa
13	Rajasthan
14	Tamil Nadu
15	Uttaranchal
16	Uttar Pradesh
17	West Bengal

"Project Elephant"

Sl.No.	Name of State
1	Andhra Pradesh
2	Arunachal Pradesh
3	Assam
4	Chhattisgarh
5	Jharkhand
6	Karnataka
7	Kerala
8	Maharashtra
9	Meghalaya
10	Nagaland
11	Orissa
12	Tamilnadu
13	Tripura
14	U.P.
15	Uttarakhand
16	W. Bengal